40,000 MWe of nuclear power capacity based on international co-operation is planned to be added in a phased manner. The percentage of nuclear power is expected to increase progressively as new nuclear power plants are set up.

Public domain software

1335. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any order for using public domain software such as open office in Government offices instead of proprietary software;

(b) if so, number of departments/offices that have complied with the order; and

(c) if not, would the Government consider ensuring the use of public domain software that are conforming to open standards as it provides advantages of user freedom, lower cost, vendor independence, and as such beneficial to the users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has set up a National Resource Centre for Free/Open Source Software to carry out Research and Development, Human Resource Development, resource centres creation in specific areas and their deployment with the primary objective of building awareness and culture of Free and Open Source Software uses, thereby helping users to take informed decision.

Post office savings scheme

1336. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Post Office Savings in different States during the last three years;

(b) whether it is becoming unpopular because of less interest rate; and

(c) if so, give details, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) The status of Post Office Savings in different States as reflected in number of accounts during last three years is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below) The rate of interest of various Savings Bank Products are effective from 1st March, 2003 and there has been no change.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.